



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
January 28, 2018

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME Joy Is Now in Every Place

#45 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

We gather in this season of Epiphany to celebrate how God is made known in the world.

We pay attention to what Jesus says and does, looking to see God active in the world.

God calls us to share the stories of faith with each other, so that we would see where God is.

Here we are reminded of God's great love for the world, for our neighbours, for us.

Open to God's presence in our midst, we greet each other with words and signs of Peace.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In the Beginning was the Word...in the Word was life and the life was light to all.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can not overcome it

As the true Light, the Light of God, shines in our hearts we center ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, as we gather for worship,

move within, around, and among us.

Loving God, caring deeply for the world,

remind us that we are loved, move us to share that love with our neighbours.

Loving God, yearning to redeem the world,

open our ears and souls to hear you calling us into relationship, open our eyes and hearts to see the light of hope and promise.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who encourages us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Jesus Loves Me

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Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your givings. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also please make sure you have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.

Parents – If your children are using the nursery, please tidy it up before leaving.

At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate To Have A Church That Is Busy And Full Of Life PLEASE Be Sure To Check with Carla In The Church Office Before You Expect A Room Will Be Free For Your Use. Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.



JUST A REMINDER...

For those parents with small children, please be reminded there is a nursery available when your children need more room to run around, or are upset and inconsolable. The nursery is conveniently just down the hall across from the Friendship Room.

Thursday is "coffice" day! Remember that on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 pm Gord can be found at the West end Starbucks. Join him for a drink and a chat.

New to the church? Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

Moved?? New to the Church??

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email (secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?

St. Paul's has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.

***** \$627.20 has been brought in since January 1, 2017****

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

- **Line Dancing in the Large Basement Friday evenings:**
Parking lot door open 6:45 - dancing 7-8:30 pm - cost \$5.00
- It's that time of year again. **Please be reminded that 2017 Narrative Reports are due February 5^h, 2018**
- P&M Breakfast/work meeting Saturday, February 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm*
February 25, March 18,
April 22, and May 20th

Committee chairs, please empty your mail boxes. They are getting pretty full again.

Think De-Clutter, Think GARAGE SALE

"May 2-5, 2018."

Book these important days OFF right now!
Tell your friends to tell their friends about the
Amazing St Paul's Garage Sale. Start sorting!

Beginner Bells

Have you ever wondered about playing handbells? If so, this is the time to try them out. You can try them without committing to being in our choir, but please come and try! Beginner Bells meet every Sunday after Church (with the exception of other church events on a Sunday, or School holidays) from 11:20 ish until noon. Hope to see you enjoying the beautiful sound of handbells!

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from December 1-31 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$495.00 from** our local outreach fund. The food bank is experiencing a shortage; consider bringing a non-perishable food donation. Thank you for your continued support.

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God sometimes we look around the world and wonder why bother. Then we read:

For God so loved the world...

And we are comforted that we are loved but there are others who we think need some condemnation

For God so loves the world...

Sometimes we wonder if another cleansing flood might be a good thing. And then we remember,

For God so loved the world...

That you became one of us, clothed in flesh, to show us a Way to live.

For God So loved the world...

In love and grace you choose to save and redeem, not condemn and punish.

For God still loves the world.

God of Love and Grace, as we live in this world,

May we never forget that we, and everyone we meet, are held in a love that will never let us go.

Lead us in the Way of wisdom, call us back when we stray, love us into what we could become.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Love Incarnate, Word-Made-Flesh. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 3:1-21

SILENT REFLECTION

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

SERMON *God Loves the World*

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This

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WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

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Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#271 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

As Worship concludes we go out into the world that God loves

A world that may not be perfect but is beloved.

As we move through God's beloved world we share the Good News

we remind each other and all we meet that God loves the world, and all those who live in it.

God with God who is Love; Jesus, Love Incarnate; and Spirit, Love's Creative Breath

Always and everywhere. Amen.

Sung Benediction: You Shall Go Out with Joy
POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

Sunday School: Holly Loughead

Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke

Music Director: Alison White.



Our Prayers are offered for, Eathyn Anderson and Family

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.

Thank you

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"

Tax Receipts are ready!!

Please help us save on postage and pick yours up at the church!

Our Hallway picture frames have been refreshed!! Stop and have a look at what we've been getting up too!

Would you like to put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin? Please have them to Carla in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** in order to have them in for the current week's bulletin.

We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday. Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

Congregational Potluck February 11th after worship!